

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Serial No.: | 10/598,056  | Group Art Unit: 3643       |
| Filed:      | August 16, 2006   |                            |
| Title:      | Automated Apparatus and System for<br>Cooking, Drying, Peeling and<br>Processing Shellfish Products |                            |

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 13, 2009, for which a shortened statutory period of one month ending May 13, 2009 was set in which to respond, and for which a five month extension ending October 13, 2009 is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(5). Applicant elects Group I including claims 1, 13, 40-41, 73-77 and 92-98 for further prosecution.

The fee of one thousand one hundred seventy five dollars (\$1,175.00) for the extension of time within the fifth month is being paid by credit card concurrently with the filing of this response.

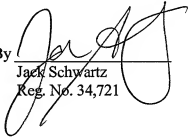
No additional fee is believed due with this response. However, should an additional fee be due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-2828.

This response is considered timely.

Early and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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